

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-26 without prejudice and add claims 27-46. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

New Set of Claims

1-26 (CANCELLED)

27. (NEW) A rinse agent composition comprising:

- (a) sheeting agent comprising surfactant in an amount for promoting draining of sheets of water from a surface; and
- (b) humectant comprising at least one of propylene glycol, glycerine, sorbitol, alkyl polyglycosides, polybetaine polysiloxanes, and mixtures thereof;

wherein the sheeting agent and the humectant are different and the weight ratio of the total amount of humectant in the rinse agent composition to the total amount of sheeting agent in the rinse agent composition is greater than 1:3, and wherein the rinse agent composition, when provided as an aqueous rinse containing an active materials concentration of 10 parts per million to 500 parts per million, reduces water solids filming in the presence of rinse water containing in excess of 200 parts per million total dissolved solids compared to an aqueous rinse not containing the humectant.

28. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 27, further comprising an acidic pH adjusting agent.

29. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 28, wherein the acidic pH adjusting agent comprises citric acid.

30. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 27, wherein the surfactant comprises at least one of a nonionic block copolymer, alcohol alkoxyates, alkyl polyglycosides, zwitterionics, and anionics.

hum: block > 1:3

sheet = block

31. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 27, wherein the surfactant comprises nonionic block copolymer.

32. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 27, wherein the surfactant comprises alcohol alkoxylate.

33. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 27, wherein the humectant comprises propylene glycol.

34. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 27, wherein the humectant comprises glycerine.

35. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 31, wherein the nonionic block copolymer comprises ethylene oxide and propylene oxide units.

36. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 32, wherein the alcohol alkoxylate has a formula:



wherein R comprises an alkyl group containing 6 to 18 carbon atoms, AO comprises at least one alkylene oxide group containing at least 2 carbon atoms, x is at least 1, and X is hydrogen or an alkyl group containing 1-12 carbon atoms.

37. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 36, wherein AO further comprises at least one of ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, butylene oxide, and mixtures thereof.

38. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 37, wherein the AO further comprises a decylene oxide as a cap.

39. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 27, wherein the weight ratio of the total amount of humectant in the rinse agent composition to the total amount of sheeting agent in the rinse agent composition is greater than 1:2.

40. (NEW) A rinse agent composition comprising:

- (a) sheeting agent comprising nonionic block copolymer surfactant in an amount for promoting draining of sheets of water from a surface; and
- (b) humectant comprising propylene glycol;

wherein the sheeting agent and the humectant are different and the weight ratio of the total amount of humectant in the rinse agent composition to the total amount of sheeting agent in the rinse agent composition is greater than 1:2, and wherein the rinse agent composition, when provided as an aqueous rinse containing an active materials concentration of 10 parts per million to 500 parts per million, reduces water solids filming in the presence of rinse water containing in excess of 200 parts per million total dissolved solids compared to an aqueous rinse not containing the humectant.

41. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 40, further comprising a pH adjusting agent including citric acid.

42. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 40, wherein the nonionic block copolymer comprises ethylene oxide and propylene oxide units.

43. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 42, wherein the nonionic block copolymer further comprises a number average molecular weight of between about 1,500 and about 100,000.

44. (NEW) A rinse agent composition comprising:

- (a) sheeting agent comprising alcohol alkoxylate surfactant in an amount for promoting draining of sheets of water from a surface; and
- (b) humectant comprising propylene glycol;

wherein the sheeting agent and the humectant are different and the weight ratio of the total amount of humectant in the rinse agent composition to the total amount of sheeting agent in the rinse agent composition is greater than 1:2, and wherein the rinse agent composition, when provided as an aqueous rinse containing an active materials concentration of 10 parts per million

to 500 parts per million, reduces water solids filming in the presence of rinse water containing in excess of 200 parts per million total dissolved solids compared to an aqueous rinse not containing the humectant.

45. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 44, wherein the alcohol alkoxylate has a formula:



wherein R comprises an alkyl group containing 6 to 18 carbon atoms, AO comprises at least one alkylene oxide group containing at least 2 carbon atoms, x is at least 1, and X is hydrogen or an alkyl group containing 1-12 carbon atoms.

46. (NEW) A rinse agent composition according to claim 44, further comprising a pH adjusting agent including citric acid.